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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 6th November 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the food situation for the week ending 6th November 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report 147 carts of ragi and 19 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 159 carts of ragi and 30 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 80 to Rs. 84 per cart during the week against Rs. 79 to Rs. 88 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers.

The three Municipal Test Depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their depots.

Mysore City.—The market is fairly supplied. Rice, second class, is being sold at $4\frac{1}{2}$ seers a rupee and ragi $9\frac{1}{2}$ seers a rupee.

Bangalore District.—Except at Doddballapur, there was rain throughout the district.

The recent rains were beneficial to both the early and later crops. More rain is wanted. The standing crops are reported to be in good condition.

Markets are fairly well supplied, but the prices of ragi, rice and Burma rice continue to be high.

Mysore District.—The situation is good.

Tumkur District.—Standing crops are in good condition. Prices of ragi and paddy range between Rs. 83 and Rs. 85 a cart-load. Supply is adequate. All the Government Grain Depots have been closed.

Kolar District.—There was no rainfall in the district during this week; yet the condition of the standing crops is reported to be promising.

Markets are fairly well supplied. The demand for Burma rice is very slack, local rice being available from 4 to $4\frac{1}{2}$ seers a rupee. The situation remains unchanged.

Hassan District.—There was a fairly good fall of rain generally all over the district.

The markets were fairly well supplied with food grains. Standing crops are in a good condition. More rain is wanted in Belur and Hassan Taluks.

Prices of food grains continue to be high.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present. More rain is needed for the standing crops.

Shimoga District.—There were slight showers in some of the taluks of the district and the wet crops are reported to have suffered in some places particularly in Shikarपुर Taluk. Rain is wanted everywhere in the district especially for the later crops.

There has been no change in the food situation in the district.

Kadur District.—Food-stuffs were available in all the markets in sufficient quantities. In the Taluks of Koppa and Mudgere, rice was sold at $5\frac{1}{2}$ seers a rupee as against $5\frac{1}{2}$ and 6 seers a rupee respectively in the previous week. In Chikmagalur Taluk the price of ragi rose a little and it was sold at 8 to $9\frac{1}{2}$ seers a rupee as against 9 to 10 seers in the previous week.

Rain is wanted in parts of Kadur and Tarikere Taluks and in Narasimharajpura Sub-Taluk also.

Chitaldrug District.—Except in the Taluks of Molakalmuru and Jagalur where the fall was only very light, there was no rain in the district. The prices of local rice, ragi and jola have gone up by one to two rupees a palla, possibly owing to the removal of restrictions within the five mile belt.

General (By Food Controller).—During the week there was very little rainfall except in the Bangalore and Hassan Districts. The standing crops are reported to be generally in good condition, but wet crops in certain parts of the Shimoga District and wet and dry crops in parts of the Hassan District seem to have suffered for want of rain. More rain is urgently required in all the districts.

Markets are reported to be generally well supplied. The prices of ragi and rice which had slightly fallen in parts of the Kadur District last week have again gone up. In the Bangalore City and Tumkur the price of ragi has been steady. In the Chitaldrug District there has been a slight rise in the prices of local rice, ragi and jola which is attributed to the removal of restrictions in the frontier belt. Rice from Tanjore side is reported to be coming into Bangalore City market in large quantities.

The Provincial Grain Depot continues to issue Burma rice to Co-operative Societies, merchants and private individuals for domestic consumption. Of the four Test Depots maintained through the Municipality the one at Arlepet was closed as the Lakshmi Co-operative Society has now taken up the business of selling the rice to the public in this locality. The other three Test Depots are selling Burma rice to the public in retail at $4\frac{1}{2}$ seers a rupee.

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